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THE GUIDELINES FOR THE TREATMENT OF CULTURAL LANDSCAPES

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and the *Guidelines for the Treatment of Cultural Landscapes* provide guidance to cultural landscape owners, stewards and managers, landscape architects, preservation planners, architects, engineers, contractors, and project reviewers prior to and during the planning and implementation of treatment projects.

In 1992, the first draft of the *Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Landscapes* was disseminated for public review. This final document integrates comments received from the landscape architecture and preservation communities over the past few years.

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